

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

2/25/04

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 788 (Hardiman)

SB 788 would add one new circuit court judgeship in Kent County.

• SB 788 passed [RC 73: 31 yes, 4 no].

HB 5199 (Drolet)

HB 5199 prohibits a person convicted of a "sexual assault of a minor" from being released on bail after the conviction and before the sentencing.

- Cropsey 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This added an effective date of 6/30/04.
- HB 5199 passed with IE [RC 74: 35 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SBs 581-82 (Birkholz)

SB 581 allows a check-off on the state income tax form of \$2 for breast cancer research.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 581 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 582 creates the Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research within the department of community health. The fund uses the money from the check-off provided in SB 581 to fund research and community education programs.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 582 was moved to 3rd Reading.